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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Mitsuharu NAKAMURA, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/811,506

Filed: March 20, 2001

For: DUSTPROOF COVER FOR A  
CONNECTOR AND PREFITTING  
DUSTPROOFING STRUCTURE FOR A  
CONNECTOR

Group Art Unit: 2839

Examiner: S. Nguyen

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2002 (Paper No. 13), the period for reply to which has been extended to November 18, 2002 (November 17, 2002 falling on a Sunday), by a petition for a one-month extension of time filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

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1. (Three Times Amended) A dustproof cover comprising:
- a cap-shape cover having an open end and a substantially closed end; and
  - a packing protecting portion provided by extending an end of an opening of a peripheral wall of said cover in a continual longitudinal direction, an inner surface of the cover includes a

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